

The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"Background music has spoiled more shows than anything except actors who are related to the producer. Why does it have to be so loud? Does anyone really LIKE it?"

Only the musicians who are paid to play it. Most producers are firmly convinced that background music is a big help in sustaining a mood — particularly when the acting is bad. The trouble comes when it won't stay IN THE BACKGROUND. Inasmuch as the music is recorded long after the actors speak their lines, there is no reason why it should be louder. The Hollywood television industry is more afraid of silence than it is of sponsors — and a young generation raised on noise seems to agree.

"Whatever became of Jean Peters, the actress who did so well in 'Three Coins In The Fountain'?"

She did even better when she retired. She's married to Howard Hughes, who has more coin in his fountain than almost anyone else on earth.

"The town of Peyton Place seems to have changed population several times since the series began. Which character has remained the longest?"

After four years and a turn-over of 60 citizens, the show's veteran is Evelyn Scott who plays Ada Jacks, the troubled town's sexy bar maid. No wonder she has outlasted the other characters. Since the invention of bars people have been confessing to the patient people who work behind them. And the folks in Peyton Place have a lot to confess.

"Is the actress Elizabeth Scott related to Talullah Bankhead?"

Yes, but it's stronger than

blood. She was Miss Bankhead's stage understudy.

"After seeing Jack Benny, Lucille Ball and Red Skelton on television all in one night, I felt they have had it. Aren't these old timers and others starting to run down?"

Not according to the latest audience figures. The average age of stars who are consistently in the top ten (Skelton, Ball, Gleason, Hope, Burr, Welk, Sullivan, etc.) is 62. They all want to die on stage but there's no one around to replace them.

"How many new voters did Huntley—or was it Brinkley—say would be voting this year? Are most of them under 30?"

No. Not by a long shot. Out of 118 million potential voters only 26 million are under 30. This year 11 million more Americans reached voting age and could participate if they registered. The average American voter is still 45, middle class and solvent.

"Does Elvis Presley smoke?"

Last time I saw him he was smoking a slender German cigar, but he didn't seem serious about it. He uses it for a prop on his TV special, Dec. 3. In case you're worried about his lungs, he doesn't inhale.

"Do the actors in old, old movies get paid all over again every time the film is shown on TV?"

No. Until recently, there were no provisions made for television release of a feature film. The actors were well paid at the time the film was made and the studio usually owned the film outright by the time it reached TV. Even without pay, most of the older stars are delighted at the reshewing of their films because it gives them exposure to new audience.

Bum Checks

'Danger Days' Ahead For Area Merchants

Merchants have been warned by District Attorney Evelle J. Younger that the period from now until New Year's Day are "Danger Days" and that bad check artists are hard at work.

Because of the confusion of shopping and the fact that many persons are buying holiday gifts, this time of the year is most dangerous for merchants, the district attorney revealed.

Younger offered the following tips for merchants regarding the cashing of checks:

- Always require good identification when asked by a customer to cash a check.
- Temporary operator's license should not be accept-

ed as valid identification, because criminals may apply for a driver's license under a fictitious name and present the temporary license as identification.

• Always check the endorsement carefully and ask the person to endorse the check in your presence.

• Be wary of business and payroll checks since many forgers will burglarize a company on Friday night and pass stolen checks before discovery is made Monday.

"During the holiday season," continued District Attorney Younger, "we are asking residents to ask this question of themselves: 'How close am I to committing or being the victim of a crime?'"

If merchants follow the simple rules they will certainly have a happy holiday season, added Younger.

Caballeros To March In Parade

Los Caballeros Youth Band from the City of Carson under the direction of Bob Cotton will march in the Inglewood Stars and Stripes Christmas Parade Friday. Parade starts at 10 a.m.

This colorful band boasts Spanish theme uniforms, festive dancing maraca girls, and lively drum cadence.

Los Caballeros traveled nearly 5,000 miles throughout California participating in parades during the 1968 season.

In addition to the Stars and Stripes Christmas Parade, Los Caballeros will march in the Huntington Park Parade on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Deadline Set for Directory

The deadline for accepting listings of local clubs and organizations in a soon to be published civic directory will be Dec. 10. It was announced by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce today.

Although more than 100 replies have been received from local groups, the Chamber of Commerce states that the list is far from complete.

All clubs and organizations desiring to be included in the widely distributed directory are asked to write the Chamber at 1510 Cravens Ave.

Listing information required includes the name of the organization, mailing address, meeting place and address, time of meetings, name, address and telephone number of the president, election date, and the aims and objectives of the group.

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